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SUBJECT: CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO

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1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION ABASSADOR HELMY, EGYPTIAN PERMREP, RELATED TO GRAHAM ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS REMARKS MADE BY DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHEU TO HELMY WHEN LATTER CALLED ON OTHER BUSINESS LAST WEEK. DG REPORTEDLY BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF M'BOW'S CANDIDACY FOR DG'S POSITION. MAHEU REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE HAD REPLIED TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LETTER OF JULY 29 ANNOUNCING M'BOW'S CANDIDACY AND HAD POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL MEMBER STATES HAD URGED HIM (MAHEU) TO REMAIN AS DG FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS. MAHEU REPORTEDLY ASKED PRES SENGHOR WHETHER, IN THE EVENT THAT HE SHOULD DECIDE TO PRESENT HIS CANDIDACY TO SUCCEED HIMSELF, M'BOW'S CANDIDACY WAS LIKELY TO BE MAINTAINED. PRES SENGHOR REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT IF MAHEU DECIDED TO BE A CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF M'BOW WOULD NOT BE A CANDIDATE AGAINST HIM.

2. COMMENT: HELMY IS A VERY SERIOUS AND CAUTIOUS INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT INCLINED TO SPREAD RUMORS OR TO EMBROIDER
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ON INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED SECOND-HAND. WE ARE

INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MAHEU AND PRES SENGHOR DID TAKE PLACE AND THAT THE DG HAS DECIDED TO COUNTERATTACK IN ORDER TO PREVENT M'BOWS CANDIDACY FROM ACQUIRING TOO MUCH MOMENTUM AT THIS EARLY STAGE. THIS WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN THE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM ON THE PART OF SENEGAL AS REPORTED REFTEL FOR THE IDEA OF TAKING SOUNDINGS AT THIS TIME AMONG AFRICAN PERMREPS.'

3. IF HELMY IS CORRECT, AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS NOT, THEN THE RE-ELECTION OF MAHEU FOR TWO YEARS APPEARS TO BE A FOREGONE CONCLUSION ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNDERSTANDING THAT M'BOW WOULD SUCCEED HIM IN 1976 AND WOULD EVEN PERHAPS BE PROMOTED IN THE MEANTIME TO A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR US TO ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE MAHEU'S CANDIDACY.
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